

But I feel pretty confident that if we do our job, the Senate will do its job and pass their bill, McCain-Feingold, which is the compatible piece to Shays-Meehan.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 11 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.

### THE USER FEE ACT OF 1998

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, tonight I do the unimaginable. On behalf of the President of the United States of America, I am introducing the "User Fee Act of 1998." This is a 96-page bill and it contains over \$25 billion of increases in what are technically called "user fees," but what they should more accurately be called is tax increases, because that is what a user fee is, Mr. Speaker.

These 36 tax increase were included in President Clinton's budget for fiscal year 1999 that is not going to be brought on this floor by the Democratic minority. The President, of course, included these 36 tax increases in an attempt to provide his adminis-

tration with more taxpayer dollars to spend on big government spending schemes.

These user fees increase the cost on families through increased entrance fees for national parks, on farmers through increased safety and inspection fees, and on older Americans through increased Food and Drug Administration costs, Medicare costs, and Social Security fees, if you would believe that, Mr. Speaker.

Passing costs from the government to taxpayers, no matter we call it, are tax increases on the American people. American families would have less money in their pockets if President Clinton's initiative were made law. I introduce this bill today not as a show of support for the President, but as a crystal clear opportunity for the House to show who is taking more of the taxpayers' dollars.

Account Title		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Discretionary Fee Proposals</b>						
Offsetting Collections Deposited in Appropriations Accounts:						
Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Fees .....	President .....	-10	-10	-10	-10	-10
	CBO .....	-7	-15	-15	-25	-25
Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration Licensing Fees .....	President .....	-17	-21	-21	-21	-21
	CBO .....	-10	-21	-21	-21	-21
Food Safety and Inspection Service, Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Inspection Fee .....	President .....	-473	-573	-573	-573	-573
	CBO .....	0	-573	-573	-573	-573
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Cost-Share Fee .....	President .....	-10	-15	-15	-25	-25
	CBO .....	-2	-5	-5	-10	-10
Farm Services Administration, Farm Service Fee .....	President .....	-10	-15	-15	-25	-25
	CBO .....	-7	-15	-15	-25	-25
Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Navigational Assistance Fee .....	President .....	-3	-11	-11	-11	-11
NOAA, Fisheries Management Fee .....	President .....	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20
	CBO .....	-22	-22	-22	-22	-22
Patent and Trademark Office, Patent Fees .....	President .....	-182	-189	-207	-219	-228
	CBO .....	-182	-197	-210	-225	-241
International Trade Administration, Trade Promotion Fees .....	President .....	-6	-12	-12	-12	-12
	CBO .....	-6	-12	-12	-12	-12
Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration Fees .....	President .....	-128	-128	-128	-128	-128
	CBO .....	-12	-128	-128	-128	-128
Physician, Provider, and Supplier Enrollment Registration Fees .....	President .....	-20	-21	-21	-22	-23
	CBO .....					
Managed Care Organization Application and Renewal Fees .....	President .....	-37	-38	-39	-41	-42
	CBO .....					
Initial Provider Certification Fees .....	President .....	-10	-10	-11	-11	-12
	CBO .....					
Provider Recertification Fees .....	President .....	-52	-54	-56	-58	-61
	CBO .....					
Paper Claims Submission Fees .....	President .....	-110	-114	-118	-122	-126
	CBO .....					
Duplicate and Unprocessable Claims Fees .....	President .....	-36	-37	-38	-39	-41
	CBO .....					
Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, Hardrock Location and Maintenance Fees .....	President .....	-39	-40	-41	-42	-43
	CBO .....	-39	-40	-41	-42	-43
Department of Labor Alien Labor Certification Fee .....	President .....	0	-40	-40	-40	-40
	CBO .....					
Department of Transportation Coast Guard, Navigational Assistance Fee .....	President .....	-35	-165	-165	-165	-165
	CBO .....	0	0	0	0	0
Surface Transportation Board Fees .....	President .....	-16	-16	-16	-16	-16
	CBO .....	-5	0	0	0	0
Army Corps of Engineers, Wetlands Permit Fee .....	President .....	-7	-14	-14	-14	-14
	CBO .....	-7	-14	-14	-14	-14
Federal Emergency Management Administration, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Fees .....	President .....	-13	-13	-13	-13	-13
	CBO .....	0	0	0	0	0
National Transportation Safety Board, Aviation Accident Investigation Fee .....	President .....	-6	-6	-6	-6	-6
	CBO .....					
Social Security Administration, Claimant Representative Fees .....	President .....	-7	-9	-9	-9	-9
	CBO .....	-1	-9	-9	-9	-9
Offsetting Collections Deposited in Receipt Accounts:						
Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Railroad Safety Inspection Fees .....	President .....	-82	-82	-82	-82	-82
	CBO .....	-83	-83	-83	-83	-83
Department of Treasury, Customs Merchandise Processing Fee .....	President .....	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48
	CBO .....	-48	-48	-48	-48	-48
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Pesticide Registration Fees .....	President .....	-16	-16	-16	-16	-16
Pesticide Registration Fees EPA, Chemical Pre-Manufacturing Notification Fee .....	President .....	-8	-8	-8	-8	-8
	CBO .....	-15	-24	-24	-24	-24
Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Extend NRC Fee .....	President .....	-313	-314	-322	-332	-342
	CBO .....	-313	-314	-322	-332	-342
Social Security Administration, Claimant Representative Fees .....	President .....	-12	-17	-17	-17	-17
	CBO .....	-12	-17	-17	-17	-17
<b>Mandatory Fee Proposals</b>						
Offsetting Collections Deposited in Appropriations Accounts:						
Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare Cost-Based Provider Audit Fees .....	President .....	-395	-395	-395	-395	-395
	CBO .....	-265	-274	-283	-293	-305
Bank Examination Fees .....	President .....	-89	-94	-97	-101	-106
	CBO .....	-48	-100	-109	-118	-128
Offsetting Collections Deposited in Receipt Accounts:						
Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare Premiums .....	President .....	-127	-679	-814	-1025	-1234
	CBO .....					
Department of the Interior, Interior/USDA, Entrance and Recreation Fees .....	President .....	0	-86	-88	-88	-90
	CBO .....		-94	-97	-99	-102
Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Concession Fees .....	President .....	-3	-6	-12	-18	-25
	CBO .....	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3
Collections Deposited in Governmental Receipt Accounts:						
Federal Aviation Administration, Proposed User Fees .....	President .....	0	-1700	-1700	-1700	-850
	CBO .....	0	-1700	-1700	-1700	-850